

Application No. 10/501,703
Amendment Dated 3/28/2011
Reply to Office Action of 1/13/2011

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. The changes consist of legends added to block elements 50 and 60.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, the specification, drawings and claims 1 and 9 are amended, claim 21 is cancelled and claims 22-23 are added. Claims 1-2, 4-17, 19, 20 and 22-23 are pending.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the statement in the Office Action at Paragraph 15 that claims 3, 7 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments, including the incorporation of the limitations of claim 3 into base claims 1 and 9, obviate all outstanding objections and rejections.

Specification Objections

The objection to the lack of headings in the specification is obviated by the foregoing specification amendments, which add appropriate headings suggested by the preferred (but not required) guidelines set forth in the Office Action at Paragraph 3.

The objections in Paragraph 4 are also obviated by the foregoing amendments.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the specification objections are respectfully requested.

Drawing Objection

Fig. 1 is amended to add legends to block elements 50 and 60, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objection are respectfully requested.

Indefiniteness Rejection

Claims 1 and 9 are amended to delete the “especially” limitations, which are the basis for the rejection of claims 1-17 and 19-21 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 22-23 are added to properly claim the limitations deleted from claims 1 and 9.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

As noted above, base claims 1 and 9 have been amended to incorporate all the limitations of claim 3, which the Examiner indicated recited allowable subject matter.

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Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation and obviousness rejections are respectfully requested.

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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